

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I agree with the above statements. Cable may provide hundreds of channels, but I have noticed less and less true diversity, even on national public television (and radio as well, for the most part), which is in part supposedly a forum for such diversity. The fewer the number of companies in control of cable television (and perhaps in future the internet connection?), the fewer options I have as a consumer.

I hope you will help the public to remained as broadly informed as possible and that you will not permit the loosening of rules and guidelines currently in place.

Thank you for your consideration.